

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

***Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 1 as follows:***

Furthermore, in a method disclosed in Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. H8-249423 H8-249432, when a character an input frame for inputting one character at a time is not prescribed, but rather a plurality of characters are input into a character string input area and a character string is recognized if there is no handwritten character input for a predetermined time, the input of the character string is judged to be complete, characters are segmented from the character string, character recognition is performed, and a recognition result is output.

***Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 5 as follows:***

According to this construction, the first area can be set according to the size of the user's handwriting. Therefore, the handwritten character apparatus can be ~~made~~ a user friendly apparatus which accurately judges ~~judges accurately~~ breaks between handwritten character strings.

***Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 17 of page 5 as follows:***

FIGS. 18A to FIG. 18D are ~~FIG. 18 is a~~ drawings for explaining the input area set by the input completion area judgement unit in the above-described embodiment;

***Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 33 as follows:***

FIGS. 18A to FIG. 18D are drawings for explaining the judgment area.